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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Jennifer Schroder, Director Parks and Community Services

Date: April 9, 2009

Subject: Michael Cogle, Park Planning Manager 25 Year Service Award

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council recognizes Michael Cogle, Park Planning and Development Manager for his 25 years of service with the City of Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Michael Cogle began his career with the City of Kirkland on February 14, 1984 at the Senior Center as the Activities Coordinator. He was promoted to the City's Recreation and Cultural Arts Supervisor in 1985 overseeing fitness, community recreation and art programs. He was promoted to Recreation Manager in 1989 and was responsible for the renovation of the former Eastside Foursquare Church building, what is today the North Kirkland Community Center. Michael was also responsible for hiring the center's first staff, developing programs and setting the direction for the many services still offered today. As the Recreation Manager, in addition to his duties to oversee the community recreation programs and services, Michael was also responsible for the construction of the Kirkland Performance Center, the Plaza of Champions, and the Kirkland Teen Union Building. Furthering his interest in park planning and development of recreation facilities for the community, in December 2000 Michael was promoted to the position of Park Planning and Development Manager.

As the Park Planning and Development Manager, Michael has completed several park master plans and completed several new park facilities. Most notably, Michael completed all the projects in the 2002 Park Bond on time and within budget.

Michael graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in Recreation Management. He and his wife Pam have a son, Mason, who is a student at Western Washington University. To celebrate his 25 years of service, he has mapped out a walking route to each of Kirkland's 40 developed parks!

Michael's dedication, passion and pride in providing quality programs and facilities for Kirkland residents to enjoy are visible in all of his work.